

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 19, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4048** before the committee:

HB 4048 Griffin	Elections; absent voters; absent voter ballot; issue upon voter's request without requiring justification.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Griffin, sponsor of HB 4048, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4048**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak:

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, supports the bill.

Patricia Donath, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, supports the bill.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, supports the bill.

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), supports the bill.

Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, supports the bill.

Chairman Corriveau placed the committee at ease at 12:07 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

*The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 4048**.*

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4048** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-2**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-3-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan and Hammon,
Nays: Representatives Pearce, Ward and Wenke,
Pass: None.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4553** before the committee:

HB 4553	Corriveau	Elections; absent voters; mailing of absent voter ballot applications to qualified and registered electors 60 years of age or older; allow even if application not requested.
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Representative Clemente moved to adopt the substitute (**H-3**) to **HB 4553**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke,
Nays: Representative Ward,
Pass: None.

TESTIMONY

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Patricia Donath, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4553** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-3**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-3**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan and Hammon,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Pearce, Ward and Wenke.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4447** and **HB 4448** before the committee:

HB 4447	Warren	Elections; registration; resident address on driver license or personal identification card different than resident address on qualified voter file; permit.
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HB 4448	Warren	Traffic control; driver license; resident address on driver license different than resident address on qualified voter file; permit.
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TESTIMONY

Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI), representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, submitted a card in opposition to the bills and did not wish to speak.

Doug Novak, representing the Secretary of State Office, submitted a card in opposition to the bills and did not wish to speak.

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), submitted a card in support of the bills and did not wish to speak.

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4447** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-3-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan and Hammon,
Nays: Representatives Pearce, Ward and Wenke,
Pass: None.

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4448** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-3-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan and Hammon,
Nays: Representatives Pearce, Ward and Wenke,
Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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13 Minutes